



# INDIANA STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Dear District,

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The State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB), in conjunction with the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, has developed two different 2008 Clean Water Indiana (CWI) grant opportunities for Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts. SSCB is proud to offer the Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant (CMIG), and the Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant. Below is a brief synopsis of each.

The 2008 Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant (CMIG) gives each District an opportunity to receive \$2,000 to market the adoption of sediment and nutrient management practices in their county. As part of a statewide initiative, each District agrees to sign up to host an educational event, send out promotional materials on the event, and follow up with landowners after the event. All qualifying applications will be accepted. Applications are due Friday, January 4, 2008 by 4 p.m. EST. For additional details on the CMIG please view the guidance on the website listed below.

The 2008 Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant is an open call to all Districts for innovative projects that address sediment and nutrient reduction. These projects must be one year in length and have a project cost/budget of \$3,000-\$10,000. Districts are encouraged to partner with other organizations, including other Districts, to provide an in-kind match for project costs. Applications are due Friday, February 1, 2008 by 4 p.m. EST. Additional information and details on the Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant can also be found in the program guidance on the website as well.

This year the ISDA has put together program guidance documents on the criteria set forth by the SSCB for both of the grant opportunities and instructions on how to apply. This information and grant applications can be found at <http://www.in.gov/isda/2362.htm>. A sample score sheet that the SSCB will use while reviewing the Sediment and Nutrient Reduction application has also been included. These resources and the assistance of your District Support Specialist will be invaluable to Districts in preparing successful applications.

We look forward to receiving your proposals and thank you for your dedication to Indiana's soil and water conservation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert H. Eddleman".

Bob Eddleman  
State Soil Conservation Board Chairman